

## **Legislative Committee Meeting Notes December 12, 2014**

### **Legislative Know How sessions**

Planning continues on the regional *Legislative Know How* sessions. These sessions will be held in different regions of the state beginning in January and running through May and will include legislators and local officials. The final session will be held at the MLA Annual Conference. These sessions will give attendees the opportunity to learn what kinds of information/advocacy make an impact with legislators and local officials.

### **Legislative Breakfasts**

Many breakfasts are in the planning stages throughout the state. There are approximately 10 scheduled to date. Please check [the breakfast schedule](#) for dates and locations.

Legislative Day We were able to reserve the Great Hall and Grand Staircase for April 1, 2014. Planning will begin after the holidays.

### **Library Advocacy Award**

The Committee voted to award our 2015 Library Advocacy award to Representative Byron Rushing. Elected to the House in 1983, Representative Rushing has been a staunch supporter of public libraries throughout his tenure and is a familiar face at Library Legislative Day at the State House.

He was appointed to the Boston Public Library's Board of Trustees in Sept. 2010.

*"Representative Rushing brings a keen understanding of community needs and an appreciation of how important libraries are today and will be for future generations," said Amy E. Ryan, President of the Boston Public Library.*

We will ask that the MLA Executive Board approve his nomination.